BONNETS ARE CUTE

Valuable Hints Concerning Fall and Winter Styles.

Variety Seems to Be the Conspicuous Peature in Millinery-Beautiful Gowns for Cool Autumn Days-Pointers for the Uninitiated.

[Special Chicago Letter.]

It seems almost incongruous to be writing of late fall and winter fashions with the warm days of September still before us, but it is always wise to pro wide against the future, and while Vanity Fair lingeringly deports herself at mountain and seashore resort from over the sea is being sent case after case of novelties for autumn and midwinter wear.

Some of these importations are decidedly original, not to say striking, and especially is this true of the bats and bonnets. Generally speaking, how-ever, I should say that variety is the conspicuous feature in all the new millinery-variety in shape, trimming, material and color, this being particularly the case in the matter of bonnets.

So far as the hats are concerned the variety in form is afforded by the brim, the crowns are invariably low and partly hidden by the trimming.

Velvet will enter largely into the construction of all headgear this season, preference being given to the soft mirrior velvet with its peachlike surface. Something entirely new and exceed-

ingly pretty are the plaited crowns, For instance, a large hat had its fluted brim covered with velvet, while the low crown was composed entirely of parrow satin ribbon and chenille loosely interwoven.

The society for the protection of the feathered tribes, both at home and abroad, will be crying out against the wholesale destruction of birds, as they one many, many times before, and jus. now with much better reason. Amon, .. vast number of hats I saw this morning I only remember three that did not have a bird for decoration. Every sort of bird, from the exquisite humining bird to the lovely bird of paradise, is pressed into service, and the more brilliant the plumage the better.

Ostrich feathers obtain to a certain extent, but do not begin to enjoy the favor and popularity that is shown the algrette, although this aggressive decoration has been "in" for several seasons. The new ones are heavy-looking and very high, some standing eight or ten inches above the crown of the hat.



A STYLISH AUTUMN GOWN.

It seems strange that with such a less such is the case. Roses, as well as all the autumn flowers, are used either in bunches, or placed round the crown in rows.

Alarge black velvet hat, very Frenchy In appearance, which I admired more than any other, had a soft crown of shaded satin. A large bird of paradise ornamented the right side, while the left was caught up under a bunch of crimson roses delicately shading off at the petals to a lovely deep pink.

Strings are mostly dispensed with I am sorry to note, for they softened the contour of the face, and were universally becoming.

In ribbons, everything seems to run to checks, and decidedly new and chie are the checked velvet ribbons used on both millinery and gowns.

The new woolens commend themby their exceedingly light weight. This lightness is a feature which will prove a great boon to the wearer, as skirts of dresses are now so generally lined and interlined that they become too heavy for comfort if made of weighty material. Plain colors, mixtures of two or more colors, and reiled effects, are among the new goods. A glossy, satin-like luster is oserved in some of the imported dress fabries, and there is a return to soft, clinging cameis-bair, a lovely material that was displaced by stiffer cloths some seasons ago.

That peculiar blue called bleuet, the lighter hyacinth and the somewhat passe gobelin blue appear in many of he new stuffs, and there are some bronze shades with green prevailing in some and brown in others. Stamboul is a more powerful shading of last year's eminence and pomponne is a subdued old red, beautiful in the extreme. An entirely new material is tricot wash plush. It is quite strongly wash plush.

ribbed, made of cotton and, as its name indeates, is washable. It comes in all the new colors and will be used for blouses, lounging jackets and chilfrens clothes.

What a vast amount there is to learn in the art of dress if women would only seriously study it—but then I suppose I should find myself like the much-quoted Othello "with my occupation gone." Sometime I am going to have a straight talk with the woman of limited means who buys her gown and trusts to luck for the necessary | ly arranged, he lifted up his spectacles funds to obtain the hat, gloves, shoes,

parasol, etc., to go with it. The true lad, it's very lucky for you that, in-Parisienne, from the society woman stead or stealing goeseberries, you were down, sets about in a different manner. not brought here for stealing a gorse. She equalizes her expenditure, and the There is a statute against smaling result is a harmonious whole. pleasing to look upon a comfort to here gooseberries in this book. So, let the self and a delight to her friends.

autumn and winter call for all the caped to his joy and the extreme delight accessories so dear to feminine taste. of the audice-Gowns will be elaborately trimmed with lace, ribbon and jet, but the tailormade gown, variously modified, will hold its own for outing and general everyiar wens.

The amateur, by the way, should not attempt the tailor-made gown. It is one of the delusions in dressmaking that looks very easy, but is really very difficult to manage, and is satisfactory only when made by a skillful tailor.

A down-town modiste, who is also an importer, is showing some lovely costumes for fall and early winter. Most of them have perfectly plain skirts,



large sleeves interfined with French muslin which greatly increases their size, and bodices similar to those worn during the past season as regards bretelles and broad collars. Some of the waists were cut and trimmed to give the sloping shoulder effect so dear to our grandmothers. The sloping shoulder is an excellent possession to the divinely tall woman, but the short woman must beware of its influence.

The costume that pleased me most is the one shown in the picture made of mirroir moire. The coat, bodice and skirt were of the moire and the Georgian waist-coat of Pompeian red browith lace cravat. This model could be successfully copied by substi-tuting camels-hair cloth for the moire and white broad cloth for the vest in place of the brocade.

Some of the new coats and capes are exceedingly desirable and there is an almost endless variety to select from, One regal looking cloak is made of the finest sable, hanging in full graceful folds and made with pointed shoulder cape and small roll tollar, all in the same fur. This garment can be transferred into an entirely different one, to all appearances at least, and one specially adapted for eveing wear by turning It inside out. The other side, which would be the lining in an ordinary cape, being of rich satin in a beautiful deep shaded violet brocaded with bunches of roses all around its edges. Thus one gets a handsome cape of brocade with lining and edging of finest sable. An elegant carriage wrap in plum-colored water velvet, lined throughout with ermine, had a collar and deep shoulder cape of sealskin. For ordinary wear nothing could be smarter than a perfectly out and very full cape of scalskin with deep collar and revers of contrasting fur.

The coats that will be worn this winter will be cut quite long and made severely plain, in some of the handsomest only one row of machine stitching being used. These coats will be worn with cloth skirts and will in a measure take the place of a tailornade gown. These coats come in all the shades of tan, mode and brown, and a peculiar shade of blue, rather a dark blue and yet of a bright tone. Some are in small checks and others in the exceedingly popular clouded effects. the one in th ture represents at entirely new design. It is made of blue cloth and is intended to be worn

with a silk skirt. Owing to the curve decided fancy for plumage, flowers and finish given the front, on warm should also be in fashion. Neverthedays it can be worn open, displaying

the silken blouse and chiffon cravat, or if the day be cool it can be buttoned up to the chin in the most comfortable manner.

I came across Clara the other morning vainly trying to decide between the merits of a lace collar and one of embroidered batiste. I immediately directed her in the way she should go and explained to her how infinitely prettier and more stylish were the lace

ones with deep-pointed edges. Much to my delight she bought one of the lovely lace and ribbon boas to wear with it instead of the ostrich feather bea so much in evidence these days. An ostrich feather boa is a most desirable possession if it is the genuine article, but such poor imitations are for sale now at a price that puts them within the reach of the multitude, which fact will sing their requiem very KATE GARDNER

..... A Diverting Decision.

The mayor of Folkestone, England, is also a committing magistrate, and some years ago, when Mr. Baker cocupied that responsible position, his decisions were always honest, but highly divert-One day a boy was brought before his honor on the charge of stealing gooseberries. Baker furned over the pages of Burns' "Justice," but not being able so find the article he wanted in the book, which is alphabeticaland addressed the culprit thus: "My She is greese, but I can't find anything about prisoner be discharged, for I suppose it The gowns that will be worn this is no offense." And so the outprit es-

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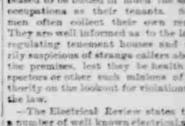
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